criminal cases were being instituted or inquired;

(b) whether it is a fact that Shri Chadha was in league with the CBI at that point of time when he left India and was treated softly; and

(c) what steps for sympathetic treatment to Shri Win Chadha?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) As per available information, Shri Win Chadha last came to India on 14-4-1988 and left again on 27-10-88. The only criminal case pending against Shri Chadha at the time of his visit was under Section 56 of F.E.R.A. for not responding to the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate. The Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi, however, dropped the proceedings and discharged Shri Chadha on 4th August, 1988 and hence there was no restraint on his travel abroad on account pendency of criminal proceedings at the time of his departure from the country.

Separately, the Income-tax authorities had issued an order under Section 230(1) of the Income-tax on 29-7-88 restraining Shri Chadha from leaving the territory of India by land, sea or air until further orders. This order was revoked on 21-10-88 on the instructions of the then Government. Although there was no tax liability pending against Shri Chadha on that date, certain documents had been published in The Hindu which implicated Shri Chadha for having been one of the recipients of the commissions paid in the Bofors deal which, if established, would have imposed a substantial tax liability on him.

(b) and (c) The present government would not like to comment on the conduct of the investigating agencies during the tenure of the previous government

World Bank assistance to Andhra Pradesh

*318. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank proposes to provide special disaster reconstruction assistance of the order of Rs. 2200 crores to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Central Government have agreed to seek such loan assistance from the World Bank; and

(c) what further action, if any, has been taken regarding the Chief of the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Financing of a Reconstruction Project is under discussion with the World Bank. Preliminary indications are that the size of the loan/credit would be about $ 200 million.

Export of fruits

319. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special drive is underway to increase export of apples and other fruits and vegetables;

(b) whether similar corresponding drive for increasing production of fruits and vegetables is also underway;

(c) what is the per capita availability of fruits and vegetables at present, State-wise and at the all India level;

(d) whether Government are aware that high incidence of pesticides in fruits and vegetables is likely to stand in the way of exports; and

(e) whether incidence of insecticides in apples has been worked out and if so, what is the extent thereof?

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